GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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REPRESENTATION FROM PHARMACEUTICAL EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of drugs have been affected due to ban on clearance of import of drugs and drug intermediates under Advance Licenses;

(b) if so, whether the Government has received any representation from Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council(PEPC); and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFIARS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) No Sir. Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council (Pharmexcil) has informed that they have no information regarding ban on clearance of import of drugs and drug intermediates under Advance Licenses. According to Ministry of Finance (Central Board of Excise and Customs) communication No.450/08/2007-Cus.IV dated 22nd January, 2007 it is observed that as per rule 43A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 1945 drugs can be imported into India through one of the following ptaces, namely: -

(i) Ferozepore Cantonment and Amritsar Railway Stations (in respect of drugs imported by rail across the frontier with Pakistan).

(ii) Ranaghat, Bongaon and Mohiassan Railways Stations (in respect of drugs imported by rail across the frontier with Bangladesh),

(iii) Raxaul (in respect of drugs imported by road and railway lines connecting Raxaul in India and Birganj in Nepal),

(iv) Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, Cochin, Nhava Sheva and Kandla(in respect of drugs imported by sea into India),

(v) Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad and Hyderabad (in respect of drugs imported by airports into India).

Accordingly, import of drugs at the ports other than those mentioned above is not permitted as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945.

(b) Pharmexcil has informed that they have not submitted any representation to the Government in this regard. Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has also informed that there is no specific information regarding ban under the Advance Authorization Scheme on import of Drugs and Drug Intermediates affecting exports.

(c) In view of above, does not arise.